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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER

FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM

SUBJECT: INFORMATION ITEMS

ALGERIANS NOW BELIEVE SIHANOUK WILL NOT UNSEAT CAMBODIAN
GOVERNMENT AT UN: [REDACTED] AN ALGERIAN
OFFICIAL AS STATING HIS GOVERNMENT NOW BELIEVES THE CHANCES
ARE POOR THAT PRINCE SIHANOUK WILL UNSEAT THE CAMBODIAN
GOVERNMENT AT THE UN THIS FALL. THE OFFICIAL SAID THAT
"INCREDIBLE" CHANGES HAVE RECENTLY OCCURRED IN THE POSITIONS
TAKEN BY MANY NONALIGNED COUNTRIES BECAUSE OF THE "FORMIDABLE"
PRESSURE THE UNITED STATES HAS EXERTED. SOME OF THESE COUN-
TRIES WHICH HAD ORIGINALLY AGREED TO CO-SPONSOR THE RESOLU-
TION EJECTING THE CAMBODIAN GOVERNMENT ARE NOW WITHDRAWING
THEIR SPONSORSHIP.

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THIS CONFIRMS REPORTS WE ARE RECEIVING FROM VARIOUS CAPITALS
THAT OUR DEMARCHES ON THIS SUBJECT ARE PRODUCING SIGNIFICANT
RESULTS. A MONTH AGO WE ESTIMATED THAT SIHANOUK WAS ABOUT
TEN VOTES AHEAD. WE NOW BELIEVE THE VOTE SPLIT IS ABOUT
EVEN AND COULD GO EITHER WAY. THUS, WHILE OUR POSITION HAS
IMPROVED GREATLY, IT IS STILL NOT CLEAR HOW THE FINAL VOTE
WILL GO. (QUINN/STEARMAN)

ARVN OFFICERS TO BE DISCHARGED FOR CORRUPTION: ON OCTOBER
25, RADIO SAIGON ANNOUNCED THAT 377 FIELD GRADE OFFICERS
WILL BE DISCHARGED FROM THE ARMED FORCES BEGINNING NOVEMBER
1. THIS IS THE SECOND MOVE IN TWO DAYS BY PRESIDENT THIEU
TO PLACATE OPPOSITIONIST ELEMENTS. HAVING FIRED INFORMATION
MINISTER NHA TO DEFUSE CRITICISM OVER PRESS CENSORSHIP, THIEU
NOW SEEMS TO BE MOVING TO MOLLIFY CATHOLICS WHO HAVE DEMON-
STRATED OVER CORRUPTION WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT. (QUINN/
STEARMAN)

POSSIBLE CASTRO ATTENDANCE AT WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE: THE

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BRAZILIAN AMBASSADOR IN ROME HAS REPORTED TO HIS FOREIGN MINISTRY THAT MOST COUNTRIES WILL BE REPRESENTED AT THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE BY THEIR MINISTERS OF AGRICULTURE. SEVERAL WILL BE REPRESENTED BY FOREIGN MINISTERS. IN ADDITION IT IS RUMORED THAT THE PRESIDENTS OF MEXICO AND VENEZUELA WILL ATTEND AND THERE ARE "LESS INSISTENT" RUMORS THAT PRIME MINISTER CASTRO MAY ATTEND. (LOW)

AMERICANS TARGETED BY TERRORISTS IN ARGENTINA: THE CHIEF OF THE ARGENTINE FEDERAL POLICE HAS INFORMED OUR EMBASSY THAT INTERROGATION OF A HIGH-LEVEL MEMBER OF THE TERRORIST PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY ARMY (ERP) HAS REVEALED INFORMATION THAT A NUMBER OF PERSONS ON OUR EMBASSY STAFF HAVE BEEN SURVEILLED BY THE ERP AND ARE TARGETED FOR TERRORIST ACTIONS. PARTICULAR INTEREST HAD BEEN SHOWN BY THE ERP IN U.S. MILITARY ATTACHES AND IN SURVEILLANCE OF A BOWLING ALLEY FREQUENTED BY EMBASSY PERSONNEL. THE POLICE CHIEF ASKED THAT AMERICANS DISCONTINUE ALL ACTIVITIES THERE AND EXERCISE PARTICULAR CAUTION IN VIEW OF THIS INFORMATION. OUR EMBASSY HAS ALREADY BEEN IN THE PROCESS OF REVIEWING ITS STAFFING NEEDS WITH A VIEW TO REDUCING PERSONNEL TO A BARE MINIMUM BECAUSE OF AN ASSUMED INCREASED THREAT OF TERRORIST ACTION AGAINST AMERICAN PERSONNEL. (LOW)

HONDURAS-EL SALVADOR NEGOTIATIONS: HONDURAN CHIEF OF STATE GENERAL LOPEZ TOLD OUR AMBASSADOR THAT GIVEN HIS GOVERNMENT'S RELUCTANCE TO ACCEPT ANY MEDIATION OF THE BORDER DISPUTE, WHICH IS OUTSIDE THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM, CURRENT PROSPECTS ARE THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN HONDURAS AND EL SALVADOR PROBABLY WILL COME TO A HALT, WITH NO APPARENT PROSPECT OF EARLY RESUMPTION. THE HONDURAN FOREIGN MINISTER, WITH HIS GOVERNMENT'S APPROVAL, HAD BEEN WORKING ON A MEDIATION PROPOSAL WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF EL SALVADOR. WHEN THE HONDURAN CABINET DID NOT GIVE IT FINAL APPROVAL ALLEGEDLY BECAUSE IT WOULD BE OUTSIDE THE HEMISPHERIC SYSTEM, THE FOREIGN MINISTER SUBMITTED HIS RESIGNATION. IN THE WAKE OF THE CABINET CRISIS SET OFF BY THIS SITUATION, LOPEZ IS EXPECTED TO MAKE A NUMBER OF CHANGES IN THE CABINET IN THE NEAR FUTURE. (LOW)

SOUTH AFRICA IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL/UN: ACCORDING TO OUR MISSION IN NEW YORK, THE SECURITY COUNCIL INTENDS TO BEGIN STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS ON THE ISSUE OF SOUTH AFRICA ON OCTOBER 28, WITH A VOTE TO FOLLOW THE NEXT DAY, OR ON THE 30TH, ON WHATEVER DRAFT RESOLUTION SURFACES. THERE ARE CURRENTLY TWO SCHOOLS OF THOUGHT AS TO WHAT THIS DRAFT WILL BE. ONE SCHOOL BELIEVES THAT A LAST WARNING WILL EMERGE GIVING A SPECIFIED TIME FRAME WITHIN WHICH SOUTH AFRICA WOULD BE CALLED UPON TO CHANGE ITS APARTHEID POLICIES. THE OTHER SCHOOL IS THAT THE ULTIMATE RESOLUTION WOULD INCLUDE LANGUAGE CALLING FOR EX-

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PULSION.

OUR MISSION'S LATEST COUNT SHOWS AUSTRALIA, BYELO-RUSSIA, CHINA, IRAQ, KENYA, MAURITANIA, USSR, AND CAMEROON IN FAVOR OF EXPULSION. THE INDONESIAN PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTEDLY HAS SENT A STRONG RECOMMENDATION TO JAKARTA FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO FAVOR EXPULSION. WITH THE AUSTRALIAN EROSION, OUR MISSION FEELS THAT NOT MUCH CAN BE DONE ON THIS BUT IT WILL TRY. [REDACTED] THE PERUVIANS WILL BE PREPARED TO ABSTAIN ONLY IF THE INDONESIANS DO SO. (HORAN)

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